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1. Most of the streets in Kaliningrad have been renamed. Hufenallee, for example, has become Stalingradskiy Prospekt. The principle streetcar lines are in operation, although service is often interrupted as a result of failure of electrical current. The most important line runs from the central station to the Park of Rest and Culture. 25X1
2. All the churches in Kaliningrad are closed. Some have been destroyed, and some are used for storage or for other purposes. Cultural advantages are not available to the average citizen. Theater tickets are so expensive that only Soviet officers and high officials can afford them. Prices of movie tickets begin at 3.5 rubles. 25X1
3. [redacted] construction of an apartment house, the project of a State construction office [redacted] workers displayed little enthusiasm for their jobs, and the building progressed slowly. 25X1

[redacted] The stores were, moreover, badly supplied, and it was necessary to stand in long queues to obtain goods. Although prices were higher on the open market, the quality of goods sold there was better than that of goods sold in the State stores. Representative prices paid in Kaliningrad in 1954 are as follows: 25X1

Item	Unit	Price in rubles	Comments	25X1
Black bread	1 kg	1.35		
Flour	1 kg	4.10		
Sugar	1 kg	8.30		25X1
Butter	1 kg	25 to 27		
Lard	1 kg	20		25X1

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Bacon	1 kg	24	Official price; hard to get.
Bacon	1 kg	30	On the market.
Semolina	1 kg	4.90	
Pike	1 kg	8.90	
Potatoes	1 kg	1.50 to 3	
Pork	1 kg	18 to 20	Official price.
Pork	1 kg	28 to 30	On the market.
Milk	1 liter	1.80	Official price; very thin.
Milk	1 liter	2 to 4	On the market.
Topcoat	1	630	Poor quality.

4.  The farmland in the area appears desolate and abandoned. In Gross Dirahkaym (N 54-57, E 19-57), there are apparently no longer any civilian inhabitants. Only Soviet marines who live in some of the former farmhouses are seen. The church in Heiligenkreuz (N 54-55, E 20-02) has been used as a stable, and the cemetery is completely overgrown. Some Russian farmers are in the area, but many fields are lying fallow, and the roads are in bad condition. In Marscheiten, the manor house has been torn down, and the fields and roads are neglected.
5. The excavations at the amber works in Yantarnyy (N 54-52, E 19-58) are many times larger than they were a few years ago. Two or three dredgers are constantly in operation, but the yield varies. Amber jewelry and cigarette holders are made at the works.
6. Svetlogorsk (N 54-57, E 20-09) has become a popular summer resort for Soviet officials and their families from the USSR as well as for Soviet officers and civilian employees serving in Kaliningrad Oblast. In 1954, an order was issued prohibiting the use of the beach at Zelenogradsk (N 54-37, E 20-28).

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